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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document is discussed beginning on page 2, line 9 of the specification.

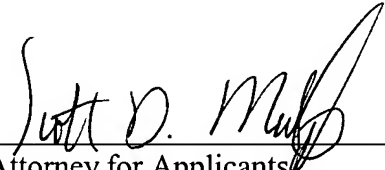
For the Examiner's information, U.S. Patent No. 5,982,521 corresponds to Japanese Document No. 9-230275.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

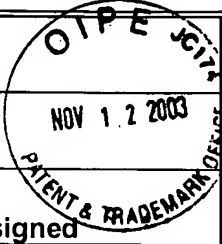


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		5,982,521	11/1999	Bessho, et al.	359	198	
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		9-230275	09/1997	Japan			Abstract
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